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REPORT	
TOPIC	Shipments of Tank Units of the 7th Gds Mecc Div. to the Area South of Cottbus
EVALUATION	
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1. After 2030 on 24 August 1955, the following materiel was entrained at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station:--
 12 T-34/85 tanks, 6 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns, 4 JSU-122 guns, 3 radio trucks, 6 trucks, each with 12 to 15 troops, 6 trucks with ammunition boxes, 3 trucks with billeting equipment and 1 truck with field kitchen.
 The 12 T-34/85 tanks and 6 x 85-mm AT guns came from Buelow Kaserne (4441) and the 4 JSU guns from the direction of Horn Kaserne (4445) in Frankfurt/Oder. At about 2230, 12 T-34/85 tanks, 12 trucks, some occupied by troops and some by equipment, and 2 field kitchens were loaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The unit had come from the direction of Goethestrasse.

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2. At about 2000 on 25 August, 12 JS tanks and, at about 2300, 10 JS tanks were loaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. At about 0300 on 26 August, a tank column including 10 JS tanks was seen en route toward the railroad station. All three tank columns came from the direction of Horn Kaserne.

3. [redacted] military shipments between 24 and 26 August:
 C/B=converted boxcar; F=flatcar; B=boxcar;

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Time of Departure	From	To
25	6 C/B, 34 F	0150	Frankfurt/Oder	Wolfshain
	5 C/B, 19 F, 1 B	0310	"	undetermined
	5 C/B, 19 F, 1 B	0810	"	Neuhausen
26	3 C/B, 19 F, 1 B	0310	"	Spremberg
	3 C/B, 19 F, 1 B	0150	"	"
	6 C/B, 36 F, 1 B	0810	"	Cottbus district
24	8 C/B, 42 F	2314	Fuerstenwalde	Doebern
25	5 C/B, 40 F, 1 B	0245	"	"
	10 C/B, 37 F	0327	Berlin-Schoeneweide	undetermined
	9 C/B, 31 F	0513	"	Spremberg

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4. At 0500 on 25 August, a train of 50 to 60 cars, predominantly flatcars with sideracks, left the Forst railroad station for Doebern north of Weisswasser. Additional shipments were announced.

Comment. The 11 shipments totaling about 150 flatcars, which were observed in Frankfurt/Oder and, during loadings, in Berlin-Karlshorst quite definitely indicate that the bulk of the track-laying vehicles of the mechanized and tank regiments of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. transferred to the area between Spremberg and Cottbus for an exercise.

In 1954, the division started its exercises in the same area from the same unloading stations on 19 September and terminated the exercise in the Lieberose area on 23 September.

Provided that the wheeled elements arrived in the assembly area by road at the same time, it is assumed that the divisional exercises started 3 to 4 weeks earlier than in 1954. This assumption is supported by the observation that the regimental exercises also started 3 to 4 weeks earlier than in the preceding year.

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